has been estimated to be 5.2 per cent, 3.3 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively for the year 2004-05, on an annualized basis for the three categories mentioned above.

(c) It would be seen that the rate of growth of income as measured by GDP, in real terms, would be 7.4 per cent, 9.3 per cent and 8.1 per cent respectively, depending on the price index. This would imply fairly significant increase in the purchasing power of people, and is likely to lead to both increased consumption demand as well as higher savings, which could lead to further growth in the economy.

Implementations of central schemes

†1794. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for effective implementation of the schemes financed by the Central Government on the basis of suggestions given by the National Advisory Council;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by National Advisory Council; and

(c) the details of the decisions taken on the basis of these recommendations till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c):

Sl. No.	NAC recommendations	Action taken by the Government
1.	**Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (including Education Cess) and Mid-day Meal Scheme** It was recommended that revenues form the Education Cess be earmarked exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the cooked Mid-Day	**Education Cess:** Approval for creation of a Non-lapsable Fund for Elementary Education and the Mid-day Meal Scheme to be maintained by the Ministry of Human Resoruce Development (MHRD) has been conveyed by Ministry of Finance (MOF) on 17.9.2004.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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	Meal Programme; the cess revenues should be paid into the dedicated non-lapsable. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Kosh and the SSA should be organized and implemented in Mission Mode.	**Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA):** A National Mission for implementations of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in Mission Mode was set up through a Resolutions published in the Gazette of India on 2nd January, 2001 and 26th August, 2003. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) have constituted the Governing Council and Executive Committee of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission *vide* Notification, dated, 3.12.04.
2.	**Health Sector** A detailed Paper outlining the Agenda for Action for the Health Sector has been formulated and forwarded to the Government of India.	The proposal to launch a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been cleared with special focus on 18 States with weak demographic/ health indicators.
3.	**National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill** The National Employment Guarantee Act will provide a legal guarantee for at least 100 days of employment, to begin with, asset creating public works programmes every year at minimum wages for at least one able-bodied person in every poor rural/urban and lower middle class household. In the interim, a massive Food-for-Work-Programme will be started. A draft Bill on the subject which specificaly all addresses the rural	The National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004 was introudced in the Lok Sabha on 21st December, 2004 with a view to enhancing the livelihood security of the poor rural house-holds by providing guaranted wage employment for 100 days in a year to each poor rural house-hold whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The food-for-work programme has been launched in 150 selected districts.

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	areas has been prepared and forwarded to the Government of India.	
4.	**Universalization of Integrated Child Development Services** With reference to Education and Health, the National Common Minimum Programme commits that the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme would be universalized to provide a functional Anganwadi in every settlement and ensure full coverage for all children. The requisite proposals have been forwarded to the Government of India.	(a)There is a proposal for expansion of the ICDS Scheme and creation of 188168 Additional Anganwadi Centres (AWC). (b) An Inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up to review the existing population norms for sanction of an ICDS Project/AWC and suggest revised norms. (c) The States/UTs have been advised to carry out micro-level planning and send their requirement of additional AWCs/Mini-AWCs to cover all Hamlets/Habitations in the State/UT.
5.	**Watershed Development** Programmes for the rehabilitation of degraded lands to be implemented in Mission Mode, to integrate Watershed Development Programmes with the ongoing Food for Work Programme (FWP), urgent identification of the degraded areas and to evolve mechanisms to select competent NGOs for social mobilization and institution building at the watershed level, revisions in the Guidelines to ensure equity, integration of the interventions by various Ministries, evelove systems for Village Communities to develop a stake in	An Inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up on Integration of ongoing schemes to address water conservation as a Water Mission.

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	the conservation of resources, (PRIs) to be empowered to charge and collect water and electricity rates from the farmers, training to be imparted at all levels as well as to political functionaries from the Panchayats level upwards, putting in place mechanism for evaluation and monitoring with greater involvement of Watershed Associations, Self-Help Groups and User Groups in planning execution and financial management.	
6.	**Tribal Affairs**	
	The Recommendation, *inter alia*, includes effective monitoring by Ministry of Tribal Affairs including proper implementation of PESA Act, fixing of measurable targets, linking devolution with performance, measures to stop land alienation, access to forests, addressing of the issues of displacement and improving the quality of governance in tribal blocks with an emphasis of land records.	An Inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up on Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on selected agenda items in National Common Minimum Programme.

Infrastructure development in the country

1795. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to divert farm subsidies to infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have examined the serious consequences that would arise out of this move against farmers; and